

originally to give Senator DeCamp a chance to go with his bill if he wanted it and he said that he didn't want the bill at this time but to bracket it till January. So I come to my office and I turn on the little box and what should I hear but a discussion of what was being talked about yesterday on the bill that was to be bracketed till January. Now in the Legislature I think it behooves us to be alert. I slept it yesterday. I admitted when this bill came up that I was laboring under the emotions of a defeat that I had just suffered. But that is no excuse for not being aware of the kind of environment we have in the Legislature. When a person really wants something, when some people want something they will go to almost any length to get it. And since we know that all things are fair in love, war and the Legislature, people should learn from the mistake I made yesterday, don't trust people and don't believe that they mean the things that they say. Accept those nice words but realize that they mean nothing and then proceed as though the words were not spoken, which is what I should have done yesterday. I had the same feeling today on the amendment that I had yesterday. It is an attempt to turn an office which is elective over to one profession and to one segment of that profession. So as bad as the amendment was yesterday, it is equally bad today. And I hope this amendment will be defeated. And I do have a kill motion on the bill itself again. But before we even get to that, looking at the amendment itself, it is not a good thing to do and one point I want to touch on that may have been obscured yesterday in the overall discussion, every state that elects its auditor has no requirements of the kind that Senator Beutler's amendment would impose here. When you talk about an appointed auditor, you are talking about a hireling. You are talking about an individual who is being hired to do a job and when you are hiring a person you can establish any qualifications that you choose. So there is a distinction between hiring an auditor as an employee and having an auditor elected as a state official. The broad spectrum of people who might be interested in this office should not be artificially curtailed in the way Senator Beutler's amendment will do. He mentioned correctly yesterday that there are specific requirements for deputies in that office. The reason for those requirements is to be certain that the auditor who is elected primarily to be an administrator will be guaranteed the expertise and knowledge in that department to do all of the auditing and other things related to this kind of work that must be done. So